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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 10078

E.O. 11652: ADS, DECLAS 2/28/77

TAGS: ABLD, JA

SUBJECT: SALE OF AMERICAN ANNEX BUILDING

1. VERY GOOD CHANCE THIS SALE WILL BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, AND IF SO, THE EMBASSY MUST BE PREPARED TO ANSWER PRESS INQUIRIES. FEEL IT DIFFICULT TO REPLY TO AMERICAN PRESS QUERIES, IF ANY, THAT SALE PRICE OF USG BUILDING IS CLASSIFIED INFO.
2. PROPOSE DISCUSS HANDLING OF ANY PRESS QUERIES WITH MITSUI, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT GUIDANCE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW FACT THAT PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IN JAPAN OF SALE PRICE COULD RESULT IN ADVERSE COMMENT GIVEN PUBLIC CONCERNS WITH LAND COSTS.
3. DEPT SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE OF LIKLIHOOD OF LEAK FROM OTHER SOURCES, REGARDLESS OF OUR POSTURE. ADDITIONAL, AND COMPLICATING FACTOR IS THAT REFUSAL TO STATE SALE PRICE COULD LEAD TO EVEN MORE PERSISTENT QUESTIONING BY AMERICAN AND JAPANESE PRESS THAN MAY BE WARRANTED.
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